EUROPEAN AQUATICS®

WATER POLO REFEREES SCHOOL 2025 BASIC CERTIFICATION COURSE

PART 1:
10TH MAY (ONLINE)

PART 2:
22ND - 25TH MAY 2025
ISTANBUL (TUR)

INFORMATION BULLETIN



EUROPEAN AQUATICS' PRESIDENT MESSAGE

As President of European Aquatics I'd like to welcome you all to the European Aquatics Water Polo Referees School 2025.

Education is at the heart of everything we do, and it plays a huge role in the European Aquatics Strategic Plan 2024-2030. Whether you're an athlete, coach, official, or referee, continuous learning helps us all improve, stay sharp, and keep our sport moving forward.

These courses and clinics are more than just training sessions—they're opportunities to grow, connect with experts, and be part of a community dedicated to excellence. By investing in education, we ensure that our sport remains fair, innovative, and always evolving. So, dive in, learn as much as you can, and let's build the future of European Aquatics together!

ANTONIO SILVA
European Aquatics President

COVER LETTER

Dear Friends,

Hereby, we have the pleasure to inform you that the European Aquatics will organize European Aquatics Water Polo Referees School 2025.

The School will be organized by European Aquatics Academy, as part of the Water Polo Technical Officials certification program in 2025.

This edition of the school will be organized in two parts.

The first part will be online, with the presence of the highest-level representatives of European Aquatics, European Aquatics Education Academy and European Aquatics Water Polo experts as lecturers on 10th of May 2025.

The second part will be organized onsite, in Istanbul (Türkiye), from the 22nd – 25th of May 2025 in cooperation with the Turkish Water Polo Federation.

This School is open to new candidates, who want to become International Referees and Federations may present all those having at least one year of experience as referee, at the highest National level and who have the intention to be nominated to the European Aquatics Referees List and officiate at international competitions in the future.

The entire school/program will consist of a theoretical and a practical part. The first part will be dedicated to theoretical preparations and the second part consists of a theoretical and a practical education as the final evaluation.

The course consists of a part dedicated to the correct interpretation and application of the Water Polo rules & Regulations, ethics, behaviour, and history. Moreover, a Water Polo Rules test as well a practical examination will be done.

All candidates, who successfully pass the school will receive the European Aquatics Basic certification level which gives the opportunity to achieve an Intermediate certification level during the season 2025/2026 and to be appointed at the European Aquatics Water Polo competitions as Referees during that season.

WATER POLO REFEREES SCHOOL INFORMATION

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidates must be nominated by the Federations in which they are registered as Referees.
- Minimum one (1) year refereeing in the highest-level national championship.
- Basic level of English language (to enter the course it will be necessary to pass an English test)
- Need to have a medical certificate which confirms a good health of candidate in general.

THE AIM OF APPLICATION:

- Acquisition of the European Aquatics Water Polo Referee License and Basic certification level as EA WP Referee.

REGISTRATION:

The registration for EA WP Referees School 2025 should be done, at the **latest 20th of March 2025,** through the European Aquatics Academy Education Website:
https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/water-polo-referees-school

During the registration process the **amount of 1.400,00€** should be paid as Registration fee for EA WP Referees School 2025. The payment should be done in two parts as follows:

- First payment of **500,00€** during registration process, until 20th of March.
- Second payment of **900,00€**, after the registration process and before the Second Course.

After completed registration process, all information's about attendance at the First course, together with Agenda and schedule, will be shared with the registered candidates.

FIRST COURSE:

- The First Course will be organized online **on 10th of May 2025**.
- At the First Course only registered candidates and those who have paid the first payment of fee can attend the lectures.
- During the First Course the candidates will be informed through lectures about important topics related to the European Aquatics and specific things for the role of being a Water Polo Referee.
- The Lecturers at this course are the highest-level experts in Water Polo chosen by European Aquatics.

SECOND COURSE:

Second course will be organized onsite and only the candidates which complete the payment of first and second part of Registration fee may attend the Course.

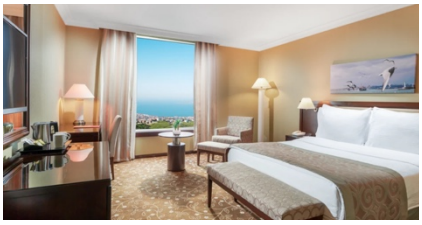
Hereby you will find all information's for Second course as follows:

COURSE VENUE - THEORETICAL PART

Hotel Kaya Ramada ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Gokelver Mah. 2317. Sk. No:1 Esenyurt/Istanbul, Türkiye *www.kayahotels.com*

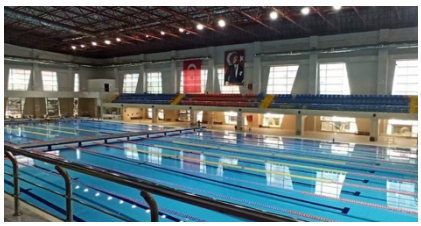




COURSE VENUE - PRATICAL PART

Beylikduzu Olympic Pool, Istanbul

Buyuksehir mahallesi Gonca sokagi, Alp sk, 35420 Beylikduzu, Turkiye





OFFICIAL AIRPORT

Istanbul International Airport (IST)

ACCOMMODATION

Candidates will be accommodated at **Hotel Kaya Ramada 5*,** in single rooms on full board basis. Meals will be served on Buffet with extended working hours according to the needs of the school.

The price accommodation in single room on full board basis is included in Registration fee. This amount also includes the transportation from the airport to hotel and back as well as transportation to the swimming pool from hotel and back.

IMPORTANT DATES

Second Course appointment	22nd – 25th of May 2025
Arrival	21st of May 2025 (evening hours)
Departure	25th of May 2025 (flights departing after 16:00)

The Second Course consists of Theoretical part and Practical part, including online WP Rules test as final evaluation. All candidates should bring with them a personal computer/laptop to complete the online WP Rules test.

During the Theoretical part of this Course the candidates will receive all necessary information's related to the Water Polo Rules (new rules from 2025) and their applications from the most prestigious experts as Lecturers chosen by European Aquatics.

At the Practical part the candidates will be evaluated during a game which they will referee. On the end, all candidates must pass successfully the online WP Rules test, prepared in collaboration with WWR.

ENTRIES

The Application form related to the EA WP Referees School must be duly completed, signed and stamped by the Federation, then forwarded by email to: *waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org* **latest by 20th of March 2025.**

Please take in consideration that the Entries of the candidates will be confirmed only after completed Registration process and payment of Registration fee at the EA Academy Education Website: *https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/water-polo-referees-school*

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Online Course

Day 1 – Saturday, 10th May 2025		
10h00	Welcome on behalf of European Aquatics	**Mr. Antonio Silva,** EA President
10h10	Welcome, structure of EA Water Polo and tasks of Technical Water Polo Committee (TWPC), Delegates and Referees Committee (DRC) and Clubs Commission	**Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,** EA DRC Chairman
10h30	Introduction of the candidates	
11h00	New system of education and certification of Water Polo Technical Officials	**Mr. Dejan Perisic,** EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
11h45	What does a Referee need from a Delegate	**Mr. Boris Margeta,** International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
12h45	**LUNCH BREAK**	
13h30	How to give feedback to the Referee	**Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,** EA DRC Chairman **Ms. Stavroula Kozompoli,** EA DRC Member, WA TWPC Secretary
14h15	Code of Referees behaviour	**Mr. Boris Margeta,** International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
15h15	Information related to the 2nd part of the Course, Onsite, Istanbul (TUR), 22nd – 25th May 2025.	**Mr. Dejan Perisic,** EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
15h30	Conclusions, questions and answers	**Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,** EA DRC Chairman
16h00	Closure	

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Onsite Course, Istanbul (TUR)

Day 1 – Thursday, 22nd May 2025		
09h00	Welcome	**Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,** EA DRC Chairman
09h05	Water Polo Rules and their applications	**Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,** EA DRC Chairman **Mr. Boris Margeta,** International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
10h45	**COFFEE BREAK**	
11h00	Impeding and simulation in Water Polo	**Mr. Dejan Perisic,** EA Manager for Technical Officials WP
12h15	**COFFEE BREAK**	
12h30	Specific points and situations in Women Water Polo	**Ms. Stavroula Kozompoli,** EA DRC Member, WA TWPC Secretary
13h45	**LUNCH BREAK**	
16h00	Center forward – Center defender situations in Water Polo	**Mr. Boris Margeta,** International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
17h15	Penalty situations and aggressive play in Water Polo	**Mr. Andy IM Hoepelman,** EA DRC Chairman
18h30	**COFFEE BREAK**	
18h45	Water Polo Referees Manual - Collaboration between the Referees - Referees position during the game - How to continue after mistake - Usage of yellow and red cards	**Mr. Boris Margeta,** International WA and EA Referee, WWR President
20h00	Questions, discussion and conclusions	
20h30	Dinner	

Day 2 and Day 3 – Friday, 23rd May 2025 and Saturday, 24th May 2025
Water Polo games at the swimming pool • Referring • Working Groups • Specific tasks WP Rules Test - Online
Note: Time of the meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) depends of the game schedule at the swimming pool. All meals will be provided on buffet service with extended working hours according to our schedule.

Day 4 – Sunday, 25th May 2025	
	Water Polo games at the swimming pool • Referring • Working Groups • Specific tasks
12h30	Conclusions and information about results of the candidates
From 13h00	Departures

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APPLICATION FORM

FEDERATION: _____

Personal details of the Referee candidate:

Family Name:	First Name:	
Gender:	Height:	Weight:
Clothes size: Polo: Sweater: Raincoat: Pants:		
Date of Birth: Day: Month: Year:		
Place/Country of birth:	Nationality:	
Passport Number:	Valid till:	Issued by:

Contact details of the Referee candidate:

Street:	
City:	Postal Code:
Country:	
Landline phone Number:	Mobile phone Number:
Email address:	

Application forms must be sent back to *waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org* **until 20th of March 2025.**

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Date:

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Federation Stamp and signature
of President/Secretary General of Federation

TRAVEL FORM

Please be so kind complete the form below so that pick up will be organized accordingly.

FEDERATION: _____

Family Name:		Name:	
FLIGHT DETAILS:			
Arrival Date:			
From:		To:	
Flight N°:		Arrival time:	
Return date:			
From:		To:	
Flight N°:		Departure time:	
PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BY LATEST **30th of April 2025** to the follow email: *waterpolo@europeanaquatics.org*			